



City of Benbrook

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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05/07/20

REFERENCE
NUMBER:
G-2465

SUBJECT:
Adopt Resolution for Participation in Tarrant
County Community Development Block Grant
Program 2021-2023

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BACKGROUND

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program was established in 1974 and provides federal funds to improve housing and neighborhoods for low to moderate income residents. There are three ways a community can participate in the CDBG Program:

1. As an entitlement city, for cities with a population of more than 50,000 people, or
2. Under the State and Small City program, where Benbrook would compete for funds with all other small cities in the State, or
3. Under the Urban County program, for counties with a population of more than 200,000.

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has reduced program funding so Tarrant County has opted to allow entitled cities to participate in the program annually and the remaining cities to request funds every other year. This staggered approach allows the award amounts to be sufficient to fund larger projects. Benbrook is allowed to submit applications during odd years.

Benbrook has participated in Tarrant County's program since 1975, along with 20 other communities and has received over \$3.5 million in grant funds. Each grant award ranges from \$120,000 to \$150,000 depending on the amount of available funding.

To participate in the program, Benbrook must adopt a Resolution authorizing participation for a three-year period.

The Resolution states that Benbrook will continue to participate in the County's program through 2023, comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations, and not seek CDBG funds through other sources. Benbrook can opt out of the County program at any time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council adopt the Resolution authorizing continued participation in the Tarrant County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through 2023.

SUBMITTED BY:

DISPOSITION BY COUNCIL:

☐ APPROVED ☐ OTHER (DESCRIBE)

PROCESSED BY:

CITY SECRETARY

CITY MANAGER

DATE: